

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification to update the continuing data information in the CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section. Applicant has also amended the specification to correct minor typographic errors.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and prompt notification thereof is requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current Preliminary Amendment. The attached page is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**"

Although not believed necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

Paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, has been amended as follows:

This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application [Serial] No. 08/871,713, filed on June 9, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,204,862, which is a continuation [application] of U.S. Patent Application [Serial.] No. 08/660,891, filed on June 10, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,671,347, which is a continuation of [application Serial] U.S. Patent Application No. 07/920,355, filed on July 29, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,526,479, which is a continuation-in-part of [application Serial] U.S. Patent Application No. 07/542,990, filed on June 25, 1990, now abandoned, and U.S. Patent Application No. 07/641,716, filed on January 15, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,189,630.

Paragraph beginning at page 21, line 1, has been amended as follows:

In Fig. 11, initially, at step 1101, the sub-event is defined as 1102, the start time of SE is set as ST and the end time is set as ET. The set of actions of SE is defined as AE in step[,] 1103. The status of the event prior to SE is stored in the history table in step 1104. In step 1105, the status of the variable utilized to indicate time is updated in view of ST. In decision step 1106, the viewer's computer determines whether the time is greater than the designated end time of the sub-event. If not, then the algorithm proceeds to step 1107a, at which step for all active actions (A) where the end time has been exceeded the execution of $\text{Disp}_A(P_A)$, $\text{Soun}_A(P_A)$ and $\text{Text}_A(P_A)$ is completed and the status is updated by executing $\text{Stat}_A(P_A)$. For all active non-completed actions the execution of $\text{Disp}_A(P_A)$, $\text{Soun}_A(P_A)$ and $\text{Text}_A(P_A)$ is continued in step 1107b.

Paragraph beginning at page 21, line 12, has been amended as follows:

In step 1108 a decision is made as to whether there are any non-started actions that have a start time less than the designated time. If it is detected that there are no such actions, the time is incremented in step 1109 and the algorithm returns to the decision step of 1106. If there are any nonstarted actions detected at step 1108, one such action is identified in step 1110 and the action type and parameters of that action are identified in step 1111. The entries in the DISP, SOUN, TEXT and STAT tables corresponding to the action type are accessed and execution of $\text{Disp}_A(P_A)$, $\text{Soun}[d]_A(P_A)$, and $\text{Text}_A(P_A)$ will begin in step 1112 .